Indiana State Board of Education Request for Freeway School Accreditation

Board Date: April 4 2012

School: North Star Christian School

Education Director: Dr. Kenneth Sullivan

Address: 5330 E 38th Street

Indianapolis, Indiana

Grade Span: K-6

Public/Private: Private

Current Enrollment:

Targeted Population: Families in Marion County seeking a faith-based private school for their children.

The following executive summary has been compiled by the Office of School Accreditation for use by the Indiana State Board of Education. It includes information presented by the school during the accreditation process, potential legal standard issues, and any other information collected during the process that may impact accreditation.

Identity: Our students come from various socio economic backgrounds, our student body is currently more than 95% African American and most live in Lawrence Township in the city of Indianapolis. At North Star Christian School, our purpose is to provide a high quality Christ centered education for our students. Our goal is to help develop their spiritual, mental, and physical potential while helping them find and fulfill the total purpose for which they were created. North Star Christian School strives for academic excellence and carefully follows and maintains the Indiana Academic Standards set forth by the State Board of Education.

<u>Curriculum</u>: North Star Christian School uses scientifically based reading and learning materials. We also use summative and formative assessment tools to measure academic success and to determine whether our students are performing at grade level. We also use components of the following published curriculum materials: ABEKA, and the Emerge Curriculum both employing a scientifically based approach to reading. Additionally, our students benefit from instruction in music, art and physical education currently taught by the classroom teacher. North Star Christian School follows the Indiana Academic Standards, but also incorporates more than the recommended lessons required.

<u>Testing History:</u> Current enrollment consists of grades K-1 and not testing has been done in 2011-2012. Testing will occur as the school adds subsequent grades.

<u>Staffing</u>: The teachers at North Star hold degrees in Elementary Education and are state certified. We conduct criminal background checks and extensive interviews to determine if the potential teacher(s) is competent to teach at North Star Christian School.

Waiver Requests: Statute IC 20-26-12-24 (local adoption process; adoption required from

state list)

Statute IC 511 IAC 6.2-5.5 (adoption required from state list)

Issues: None

Recommendations: Full Five-Year Freeway Accreditation